

**CARDINAL**

**1954**













# Dedication

To two men who have given so generously of their time and talent to the cause of secondary education in Hayes County, this year book is respectfully dedicated.

Mr. Delbert Fornoff became a member of the Board of regents in January of 1943. In 1951 he was chosen President of the Board and has served in that capacity since that time.

Mr. Fay McKillip has served four years, coming to the Board in 1951.

The community of the Hayes County High School owe to these men a debt of gratitude for the loyal and faithful service which they have given freely and without pay.

We regret their retirement from the Board of Education.







## Board Of Education



Ada Hanley, Secretary



Delbert Fornoff, President



Elmer Gigax



Fay McKillip



Charles Counce



# Faculty



Mary Hester Green



Stewart B. Hanley



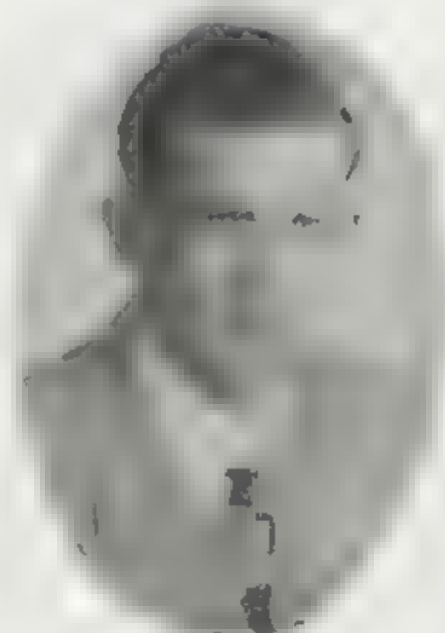
Jerry Frank



Wm. T. Fanning



Florence R. Counce



Leo G. Harder

Mary Hester Green is a graduate of the Kearney State Teachers' College, from which institution she received her B. A. degree. Miss Green has spent several summers doing additional work at the University of Nebraska and the past two summers has enrolled at Kearney. She instructs in home ec. and science.

Stewart B. Hanley has held the position of superintendent of Hayes County High School for the past 10 years. In 1953 he received his master's degree from the Greeley State Teachers' College. Mr. Hanley directs the band and chorus and this year taught normal training and mathematics.

Jerry Frank holds a B. A. degree from Kearney State Teachers' College. This is his first year at our high school. Jerry taught commercial subjects.

Wm. T. Fanning received his B. A. degree from the University of Colorado in '51. He has served as coach for the past three years. "Bill" also teaches classes in history and English 9.

Mrs. Florence Counce is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and has spent two summers there doing graduate work. Mrs. Counce has taught in our school for the past 12 years, the last three has been principal. She has a B. A. degree and this year taught world geography, Latin II and English 10. She was also sponsor of the pep club.

Leo D. Harder received his B. A. degree from Kearney State Teachers' College in 1951. "Lee" has been an instructor in shop and typing for the past three years. This year he also taught a short course in drivers ed.







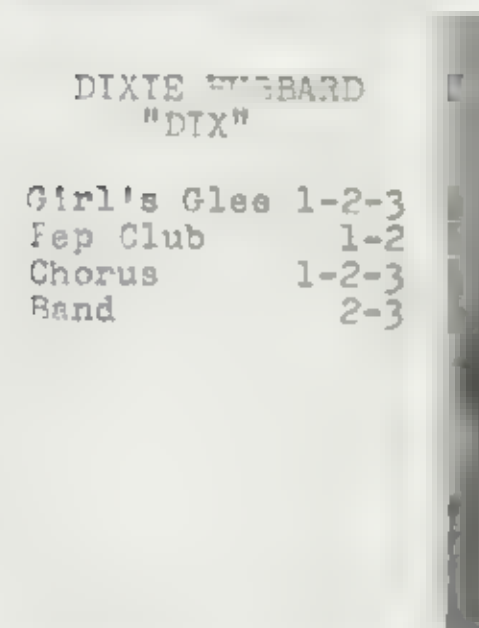
LYLE DOWNS  
"DOWNSIE"

Football 4  
Class Play 3-4  
Chorus 1-2-4



WALLACE DEAN  
ALLISON  
"WALLY"

Class Officer 2  
Class Play 3-4  
Kearney  
Contest 2-3  
Chorus 1-2-3



DIXIE STUBBARD  
"DIX"

Girl's Glee 1-2-3  
Pep Club 1-2  
Chorus 1-2-3  
Band 2-3



GERE VENHAUS

Football 1-4  
Basket-  
ball 1-2-3-4  
Track 1-2-3  
Class Play 3-4  
Class Officer 2



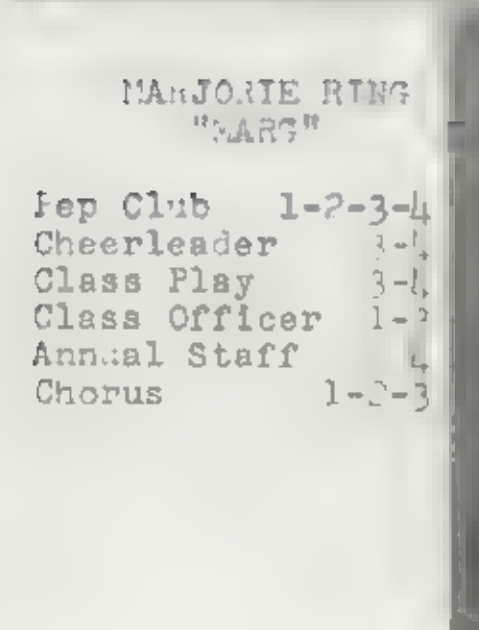
THE HASTINGS  
"HAYS"

Football 4  
Basketball 1  
Class Play 3-4  
Chorus 1-2



DEVONA MCKILLIP  
"DEVON"

Girl's Glee 3  
Pep Club 1-2-4  
Class Officer 4  
Class Play 3-4  
Kearney  
Contest 3  
Annual Staff 4  
Chorus 1-2-3-4  
Band 1-2-3-4



MARJORIE RING  
"MARG"

Pep Club 1-2-3-4  
Cheerleader 3-4  
Class Play 3-4  
Class Officer 1-2  
Annual Staff 4  
Chorus 1-2-3



GARLAND EUGENE  
BODEMAN  
"TOAD"

Football 1-2  
Basketball 1-2-3-4  
Track 1-2  
St. Mgr. 1-2-3-4  
Class Play 3-4  
Kearney  
Contest 3  
Band 1-2









JUNE WEST  
"JUNIE"

Pep Club 1-2-4  
Class Play 3-4  
Girl's Glee 1-3-4  
Chorus 1-2-3-4  
Band 1-2-3-4



JAMES ROBERT  
GARRETT  
"JUNIOR"

Football 2  
class Play 3  
Chorus 1-2-3

DONNIE CURRAN  
"DON"

Basketball 1-2-3  
Football 1-2-3-4  
Track 1-2  
Class Officer 3-4  
Class Play 3-4  
Attendent 2  
King 4  
Chorus 1-2-3-4



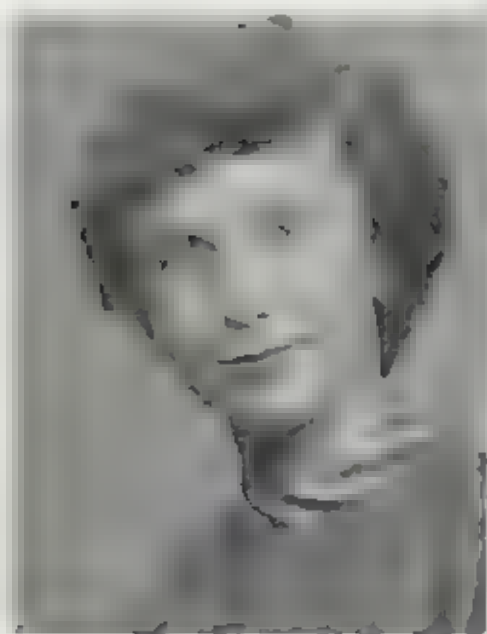
ESTELLE JOHNSON

Pep Club 1-2-3-4  
Class Play 3-4  
Annual Staff 4  
Kearney  
Contest 3  
Chorus 1-2-3-4



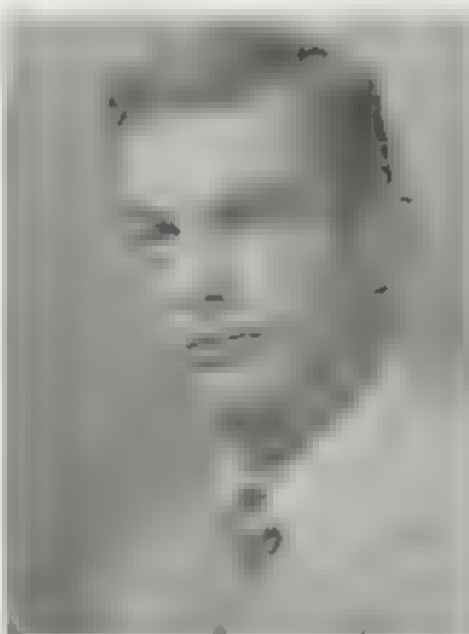
MARVIN EDWARD  
EVANS  
"MARV"

Basketball 1  
Football 1  
Class Play 4  
Chorus 1-2-4  
Boxing 1



FAY CARMIN  
"MERT"

Pep Club 1-2-4  
Class Play 3-4  
Annual Staff 4  
Kearney  
Contest 3-4  
Girl's Glee 2-3  
Girl's Octet 2  
Chorus 1-2-3-4  
Band 3-4



DEAN MINTLING

Track 1  
Class Officer 1-2-3  
Class Play 3-4  
Kearney  
Contest 2-3  
Chorus 1-2-3



WANDA HASTINGS

Pep Club 1-2-3  
Class Play 3-4  
Annual Staff 4  
Kearney  
Contest 2  
Chorus 1-2-3







JAMES LEE  
"JIM"

Class Play 3-4  
Student Mr. 3  
Chorus 1-2-3-4



BERDINE CARR  
"BERT"

Pep Club 1-2-3-4  
Class Play 3-4  
Annual Staff 4  
Kearney  
Contest 3  
Chorus 1-2-3-4

SHIRLEY LAIRD  
"SHIRL"

Class Play 2-3-4  
Pep Club 1-2-4  
Cheerleader 2  
Annual Staff 4  
Kearney  
Contest 1-2-3-4  
Chorus 1-2-3



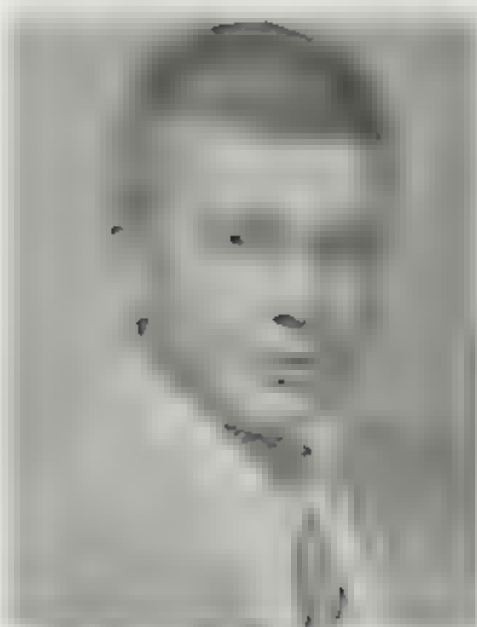
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"TINY"

Football 1-2-3-4  
Basketball 1  
Track 1-2  
Class Play 3-4



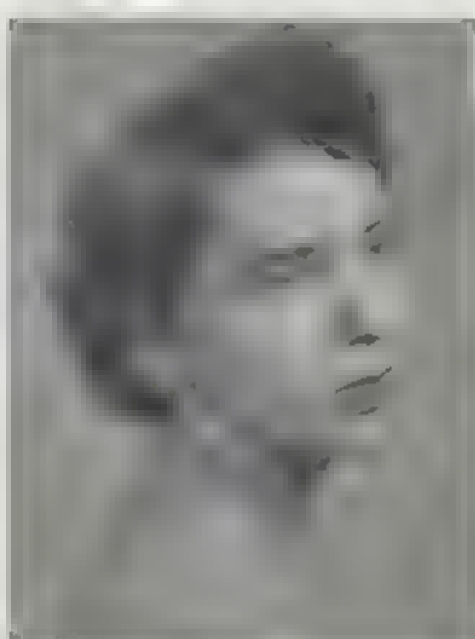
LARRY HAMILTON  
"HAM"

Football 2-3-4  
Track 3  
Class Play 3-4



ETHYLEE COX  
"LEE"

Pep Club 1-2-3  
Cheerleader 2  
Class Play 2-3-4  
Class Officer 1-2  
Annual Staff 3-4  
Kearney  
Contest 3-4  
Girl's Glee 2-3  
Trio 3  
Chorus 1-2-3-4



VIRGINIA JIRIK  
"GINNY"

Pep Club 1-2-3  
Class Play 3  
Kearney  
Contest 3  
Chorus 1-2-3-4



JACK BISHOP  
"J B"

Football 1-2-3-4  
Basketball 1-2-3-4  
Track 1-2  
Class Play 3-4  
Class Officer 4  
Annual Staff 4  
Kearney  
Contest 3









JOE NITSCH

Football 1-2-3  
Basketball 1-2  
Track 1-2  
Class Officer 2  
Class Play 3-4  
Kearney  
Contest 3  
Chorus 1-2-3



BONNIE LASHELL  
"KARIT"

Pep Club 1-2-3-4  
Class Play 3-4  
Annual Staff 4  
Kearney  
Contest 1-2-3  
Chorus 1-2-3  
Band 3-4



ROLAND FREDERICK  
ANDERJASKA  
"ANDY"

Basketball 1-2-3-4  
Football 1-2-3-4  
Track 1-2-3  
Baseball 2  
Class Officer  
1-2-3  
Class Play 3-4  
Kearney  
Contest 1-2-3  
Chorus 1-2-3

MARY ANN SONCKSEN  
RICHARDS  
"MARY"

Pep Club 1-2-3-4  
Class Officer 2-4  
Class Play 3  
Kearney  
Contest 3  
Annual Staff 4  
Chorus 2-3  
King-Queen  
Contest 2-3-4  
Pep Club Pres. 4



BILL MCVICKER  
"BILT"

Class Play 3-4





Full Name: Wallace Dean Allison  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Brown  
Color of Hair: Brown  
Height: 5'11"  
Favorite Saying: You tell 'em, Buster  
Favorite Pastime: Reading flying magazines  
Favorite Subject: English  
Life's Ambition: To be an Engineer  
Favorite Song: Baby Doll  
Favorite Food: Cake  
Pet Peeve: Cows  
Favorite Sport: Hunting

Full Name: Lyle Richard Downs  
Age: 18  
Color of Eyes: Hazel  
Color of Hair: Brown  
Height: 6'1"  
Favorite Saying: It's immaterial to me  
Favorite Pastime: Reading  
Favorite Subject: Shop  
Life's Ambition: To be a millionaire  
Favorite Song: Oh, My Papa  
Favorite Food: Fried Chicken  
Pet Peeve: Gabby girls  
Favorite Sport: Football

Full Name: Dixie Darlene Hubbard  
Age: 16  
Color of Eyes: Blue  
Color of Hair: Dark Blond  
Height: 5'2 1/2"  
Favorite Pastime: Riding in a green Studebaker  
Favorite Subject: Biology  
Life's Ambition: Getting married  
Favorite Song: Secret Love  
Favorite Food: Fried Chicken  
Favorite Sport: Football

Full Name: Gene Eldridge Vonhaus  
Age: 18  
Color of Eyes: Gray  
Color of Hair: Blond  
Height: 5'11 1/2"  
Favorite Saying: Wouldn't you like to know  
Favorite Pastime: Sleeping  
Favorite Subject: Typing  
Life's Ambition: Farmer  
Favorite Song: San Antonio Rose  
Favorite Food: Chicken  
Pet Peeve: Habitual Grippers  
Favorite Sport: Basketball

Full Name: Wayne Robert Hastings  
Age: 18  
Color of Eyes: Brown  
Color of Hair: Brown  
Height: 5'8"  
Favorite Saying: To heck with you  
Favorite Pastime: Driving  
Favorite Subject: Math  
Life's Ambition: Farming  
Favorite Song: Ricochet Romance  
Favorite Food: Hamburger  
Favorite Sport: Football

Full Name: Devona Fay McKillip  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Green  
Color of Hair: Blond  
Height: 5'5"  
Favorite Saying: Cryin' the Bocket  
Favorite Pastime: Sewing  
Favorite Subject: Typing  
Life's Ambition: Teaching, marriage  
Favorite Song: Because  
Favorite Food: Bannana Nut Cake  
Pet Peeve: Two faced people  
Favorite Sport: Skating

Full Name: Marjorie Ring  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Blue  
Color of Hair: Dark Blond  
Height: 5'2"  
Favorite Saying: Oh, shoot  
Favorite Pastime: Playing the piano  
Favorite Subject: Typing  
Life's Ambition: Marriage  
Favorite Song: Now is the Hour  
Favorite Food: Fried Chicken  
Pet Peeve: People that won't speak  
Favorite Sport: Swimming

Full Name: June Elaine West  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Hazel  
Color of Hair: Dark Brown  
Height: 5'4"  
Favorite Saying: m-m boy  
Favorite Pastime: Dancing  
Favorite Subject: Home Ec  
Life's Ambition: Get married  
Favorite Song: Star Dust  
Favorite Food: Steak  
Pet Peeve: People who lie to me  
Favorite Sport: Bowling

Full Name: Donald Duane Curran  
Age: 18  
Color of Eyes: Blue  
Color of Hair: Light Brown  
Height: 5'7"  
Favorite Saying: Darned if I know  
Favorite Pastime: working to get out of work  
Favorite Subject: Shop  
Life's Ambition: Farming  
Favorite Song: South Wind  
Favorite Food: Roast Duck  
Pet Peeve: Intoxicated women  
Favorite Sport: Football

Full Name: Estalene Joye Johnson  
Age: 16  
Color of Eyes: Brown  
Color of Hair: Brown  
Height: 5'4"  
Favorite Saying: My gosh  
Favorite Pastime: Reading  
Favorite Subject: Math  
Life's Ambition: Teaching  
Favorite Song: Secret Love  
Favorite Food: Home Made Ice Cream  
Pet Peeve: People who think they are better than everyone



Favorite Sport: Basketball

Full Name: Carolyn Kay Carmin

Age: 17

Color of Eyes: Green

Color of Hair: Brown

Height: 5'4"

Favorite Saying: Well for cryin' out loud

Favorite Pastime: Writing letters

Favorite Subject: Professional Training

Life's Ambition: Teaching School, Marriage

Favorite Song: Because

Favorite Food: Fried Chicken

Favorite Sport: Swimming, Skating

Full Name: Dean Barrett Mintling

Age: 17

Color of Eyes: Brown

Color of Hair: Black

Height: 5'11 1/2"

Favorite Saying: Jeepers

Favorite Pastime: Sleeping

Favorite Subject: Shop

Life's Ambition: Farmer, Rancher

Favorite Song: Stardust

Favorite Food: Beef steak

Pet Peeve: Gossipers

Favorite Sport: Baseball

Full Name: Wanda Irene Hastings

Age: 18

Color of Eyes: Green

Color of Hair: Light Brown

Height: 5'1"

Favorite Saying: Oh, crum

Favorite Pastime: Reading

Favorite Subject: Sociology

Favorite Song: Spanish Fireball

Favorite Food: Fried chicken

Life's Ambition: Teaching and marriage

Favorite Sport: Basketball

Full Name: James Walter Lee

Age: 18

Color of Eyes: Gray

Color of Hair: Brown

Height: 5'1"

Favorite Saying: Darned if I know

Favorite Pastime: Girls

Favorite Subject: Typing

Life's Ambition: Farming

Favorite Song: Your Cheating Heart

Favorite Food: Fried Chicken

Pet Peeve: Alarm Clocks

Favorite Sport: Fishing

Full Name: Berdine Carr

Age: 18

Color of Eyes: Blue

Color of Hair: Light Brown

Height: 5'9 1/2"

Favorite Saying: Oh beans

Favorite Pastime: Reading

Favorite Subject: Shorthand

Life's Ambition: Teaching

Favorite Song: Take these Chains

From My Heart

Favorite Food: Strawberry Shortcake

Pet Peeve: people who stare at me when I

walk by

Favorite Sport: Ping Pong

Full Name: Shirley Jean Laird

Age: 17

Color of Eyes: Hazel

Color of Hair: Black

Height: 5'5"

Favorite Saying: Honestly

Favorite Pastime: Dancing

Favorite Subject: Professional Tr.

Life's Ambition: Marriage

Favorite Song: Stardust

Favorite Food: Home made Ice cream

Pet Peeve: Freshmen

Favorite Sport: Swimming

Full Name: Donald Kay Paulson

Age: 18

Color of Eyes: Blue

Color of Hair: Brown

Height: 6'1"

Favorite Saying: Well I'll be

Favorite Pastime: Listening to

popular music

Favorite Subject: Typing

Life's Ambition: Farming

Favorite Song: Ricochet

Favorite Food: French Fried Potatoes

Pet Peeve: Things that don't work

out right

Favorite Sport: Football

Full Name: Larry J. Hamilton

Age: 17

Color of Eyes: Green

Color of Hair: Brown

Height: 5'5"

Favorite Saying: The heck

Favorite Pastime: Reading

Favorite Subject: Typing

Life's Ambition: Rancher

Favorite Song: You You You

Favorite Food: Beef steak

Pet Peeve: Windy, dusty days

Favorite Sport: Football

Full Name: Ethylee Cox

Age: 18

Color of Eyes: Blue

Color of Hair: Black

Height: 5'2"

Favorite Saying: Oh for evermore

Favorite Pastime: Singing

Favorite Subject: Shorthand

Life's Ambition: To be a singer

Favorite Song: Stardust

Favorite Food: Fried Chicken

Pet Peeve: People who beat animals

Favorite Sport: Swimming

Full Name: Virginia Jirik

Age: 18

Color of Eyes: Blue

Color of Hair: Light Brown

Height: 5'2"

Favorite Saying: For cryin' out loud

Favorite Pastime: Riding in a white

Chevrolet





Favorite Subject: Home Ec  
Life's Ambition: Getting married  
Favorite Song: Heart of My Heart  
Favorite Food: French Fried Shrimp  
Pet Peeve: People who talk behind my back  
Favorite Sport: Baseball

Full Name: Jack Ray Bishop  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Hazel  
Color of Hair: Brown  
Height: 5'11"  
Favorite Saying: You don't say  
Favorite Pastime: Messing around  
Favorite Subject: Math and women  
Life's Ambition: Make a lot of money  
Favorite Song: Wild Side of Life  
Favorite Food: Potatoes and Angelfood cake  
Pet Peeve: Women who smoke  
Favorite Sport: Football

Full Name: Billy Joe Nitsch  
Age: 16  
Color of Eyes: Hazel  
Color of Hair: Brown  
Height: 5'8½"  
Favorite Saying: Aw heck  
Favorite Pastime: Reading  
Favorite Subject: History  
Life's Ambition: Indefinite  
Favorite Song: I Believe  
Favorite Food: Fried Chicken  
Favorite Sport: Football  
Pet Peeve: Girls who frown all the time

Full Name: Bonnie Mae LaShell  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Brown  
Color of Hair: Auburn  
Height: 5'6"  
Favorite Saying: Crumb  
Favorite Pastime: Reading  
Favorite Subject: Social Studies  
Life's Ambition: Further Schooling  
Favorite Song: Stardust  
Favorite Food: Fried Chicken, Potato chips  
Pet Peeve: People who talk back  
Favorite Sport: Bowling

Full Name: Melvin Alexander McVicker  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Hazel  
Color of Hair: Brown  
Height: 6'  
Favorite Saying: I don't know  
Favorite Pastime: Reading  
Favorite Subject: Science  
Life's Ambition: Farmer  
Favorite Song: How much is That Hound Dog  
Favorite Food: Fried Chicken  
Pet Peeve: Dixie Hubbard  
Favorite Sport: Baseball

Full Name: Garland Eugene Bodeman  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Brown

Color of hair: Brown  
Height: 5'6½"  
Favorite saying: For crying out loud  
Favorite pastime: Girls  
Favorite subject: Math  
Life's Ambition: To retire  
Favorite song: In the Mood  
Favorite food: Hamburger  
Pet peeve: Women drivers  
Favorite sport: Basketball

Full Name: James Robert Garrett  
Age: 19  
Color of Eyes: Hazel  
Color of Hair: Light Brown  
Height: 5'7"  
Favorite Saying: I don't know  
Favorite Pastime: Watching TV  
Favorite Subject: Shop  
Life's Ambition: To be a millionaire  
Favorite Song: Make Love to Me  
Favorite Food: Chocolate Pie  
Pet Peeve: Change of game laws  
Favorite Sport: Hunting

Full Name: Marvin Edward Evans  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Blue  
Color of Hair: Brown  
Height: 5'9"  
Favorite Saying: Non  
Favorite Pastime: Girls  
Favorite Subject: Bookkeeping  
Life's Ambition: Accountant  
Favorite Song: The Mongahelia Vally  
Favorite Food: Watermelon  
Pet Peeve: Drivers who won't dim lights  
Favorite Sport: Stock car racing

Full Name: Mary Ann Soncksen Richards  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Hazel  
Color of Hair: Dark Brown  
Height: 5'3½"  
Favorite Saying: My word  
Favorite Pastime: Sewing  
Life's Ambition: Marriage  
Favorite Song: Star Dust  
Favorite Food: Dill pickles  
Pet Peeve: People who gossip  
Favorite Sport: Skating

Full Name: Roland Frederick Anderjaska  
Age: 17  
Color of Eyes: Hazel  
Color of Hair: Blonde  
Height: 6'2½"  
Favorite Saying: Got Anything to eat?  
Favorite Pastime: Eating  
Favorite Subject: Women, girls, females, horses  
Life's Ambition: Marry a rich woman & retire  
Favorite Song: Moonlight Serenade  
Favorite Food: Potatoes and gravy  
Pet Peeve: Alarm clocks  
Favorite Sport: Basketball





# Prophecy

After ten years of teaching I finally decided to fulfill my life long desire to go around the world. I was only allowed two weeks, as I was teaching during the summer also. I decided to call on Gene Vennhaus, who was now flying space ships. He said that after escaping from so many accidents, that he had decided to take up a safe occupation, and this was it.

Just as we were getting ready to leave Mrs. Center we heard a lot of music and saw a circus parade coming down the street. Since a circus had always fascinated me I wanted to go to this one before we left. As we were entering the circus we heard a barker telling about his feature act. You can imagine our surprise when we recognized the barker as Larry Hamilton. His feature act was Annie DeVall, the fan dancer, whose real name was Marjorie Ring.

Inside the tent we noticed that everyone was intently watching the troupe acts. Looking up we saw the thrilling performance of Louis Lomax, the famous rope walker.

Janell told us "very interesting" still lived in "over center. She has become a highly successful writer. Her latest book, "How to Plan a Party in Eight Hours", is listed as one of the top books of the year.

It was now time to leave on our trip. Our first stop was Mexico, walking along the street we met the bishop. He said that after his experience of our friendship, in 1911 he would like to have us back to Mexico. He found his best field for work was in the state of Mexico. He was also the trade name of "Bulge No More" girdles known the world over.

Not long after we met Debbie's mother, she informed us that she returned from a trip around the world. She had been in contact with the first of bubble gum in the world. It had been a separate past time in bubble gum. She has broken all records for bubble blowing.

Next we looked at New York. The Sanderf family were living in New York, where he was a salesman. He was in contact in January 1941. He was a member of the family of the 4th.

That evening we attended a concert in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The first performance of the evening was "The Marriage of Figaro" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, conducted by the New York Philharmonic. The concert was a great success and the orchestra played beautifully. It has really taken New York by storm.

From New York she went to Washington, D. C. to work for the White House with  
ret. Catherine Johnson. She got a letter from her mother and brother in the fall  
in politics. She is now a female doctor and is in a hospital as a public officer.  
She and "Memie" are close friends.

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Further on down the beach we saw a large crowd gathered around a race track. Stopping to see what was going on we saw the Carr giving an exhibition of her motor cycle riding ability. After what we have seen is one of the greatest dare devils in the United States.









Our last stop before returning to the states was Anchorage, Alaska. There we met Kay Carmin, who was dressed in a Mac's uniform. We asked her when she had decided to join the service. She said Dick had been permanently stationed in Germany, so she joined the Macs in order to try to get over to Germany. Due to a mix up in orders she was sent to Anchorage. Dick's orders were changed and he was shipped back to Hayes Center. He is there now waiting for her. He has two more years before being sent home.

We then returned to Hayes Center and gave the above report to the Times-Republican, as we knew all the readers would be anxious to hear about the class of '54.

## Will

We the senior class of 1954 of Hayes Center High School, being of legal age and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, coercion, threat, or the undue influence of any person whatsoever, do hereby make, publish, and declare this our last will and testament in manner and form following:

Lyle Downs wills his dark hair to Dennis Leffler.  
 Marvin Evans wills his ability to read to Dennis Leffler and nine to Linda Christner.  
 Donnie Curran wills his fence fixing equipment to Darrel Cox.  
 Garland Bodeman wills his height to Marlette Houser.  
 Jack Bishop wills his ability to keep his seat at the senior prom to Linda Fagerstone.  
 Wallace Allison wills his calloused hands to Norman Scott.  
 Larry Hamilton wills his economics book to anyone who will take it.  
 Gene Venhaus wills his height to Nadia Carmin.  
 Mary Ann Dickerson wills her smile and friendly attitude to Norman Scott.  
 June West wills her kauneta interests to Kaye Myers.  
 Donald Paulson wills his careful driving habits to Norman Scott.  
 Roland Anderjaska wills his cut of hair to Linda Christner.  
 Levens McKilip wills her assortment of T-shirts to Linda Christner.  
 Kay Carmin wills her collection of Norman stamps to Linda Christner.  
 Perdine Carr wills her art ability to Joan Hummel.  
 Ethylee Cox wills all the tracks found planted in her hair to the senior prom.  
 Jim Barrett wills his ability to keep his temper to Linda Christner.  
 Wanda Hastings wills her Wallace boy friends to Karen Richards.  
 Dixie Hubbard wills her hair to Sandra Young.  
 Virginia Jirik wills her ability to writing to Linda Christner.  
 Estaline Johnson wills her quiet dignified ways to Lois Ludlow.  
 Shirley Laird wills her back seat in study hall to Denyse Rathbun.  
 Bonnie LaShell wills her bubble gum to Nadia Carmin.  
 Jim Lee wills his driving ability to Darrel Cox.  
 Melvin McVicker wills his ability to keep his temper to Linda Christner.  
 Dean Mintling wills his way with the teachers to Gaylin Anderson.  
 Joe Nitsch wills his shorthand book to Del. Schuman.  
 Marjorie Ring wills her temper and late hours to Claribel Dawes.  
 Wayne Martin wills his extra abilities in class to Linda Christner.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seal this 2nd day of April, A. D. 1954, in the presence of Stewart B. Hanley and Florence A. Counce, whom we have requested to become attesting witnesses.

# Baccalaureate

Stewart B. Hanley  
 Florence A. Counce

May 9, 1954

Processional -----	Mrs. Florence Counce
America, first verse -----	Audience
Invocation -----	Rev. Clarence Macon
Scripture (Timothy II, Chapt. 2, Verses 1-15) -----	Rev. Clarence Macon
Prayer -----	Rev. Clarence Macon
Battle Hymn of the Republic -----	Audience
Message (Joshua XIII, Verse 1-- Samuel I, Chapt. 4-9) -----	Rev. Glen Discos
My Faith Locks Up to Thee -----	Audience
Recessional -----	Mrs. Florence Counce



# Commencement

May 11, 1954

Processional -----	Mrs. Florence Counce
America, first verse -----	Audience
Invocation -----	Rev. Clarence Macon
Salutatorian -----	Roland Anderjaska
Vocal Solo -----	Ethylee Cox
Address -----	Dr. Freeman B. Decker (State Superintendent)
Presentation of Class -----	S. B. Hanley
Presentation of Diplomas -----	Delbert Fornoff
Presentation of Awards -----	S. B. Hanley
Valedictorian -----	Shirley Laird
America, last verse -----	Audience
Recessional -----	Mrs. Florence Counce

(Bonnie LaShell placed third, and was awarded the Woodlark College scholarship. )

## Senior Play Cast

### ACCIDENTAL HERO

Jerry, Ticket chairman, who fancies himself as an artist -----	Wallace Allison
Jim, inclined to boss, assigned as manager -----	Jack Bishop
Joe, Assistant stage Manager, likes to alternate parts) -----	Don Paulson
-----	Don Curran
Bob, short and jolly, the play's "little brother" -----	Garland Bodeman
Joan, a practical girl, as interested with tickets -----	Kay Carmin
Kitty, "her line", who has to contend with her father's whims -----	Levona McKillip
Arthur, afraid to act, but a reliable reporter-manager -----	Bardine Carr
Porter, the sophisticated for the part of "crib boy" -----	Ethylee Cox
Leann, short and snappy, doubtful of her "grandmother" role -----	Bonnie LaShell
Marilyn, quite a singer, should do as the "Gypsy Neighbor" -----	Marjorie Ring
Barbara, efficient stage manager, with her light on his hands -----	Marvin Evans
Harold, all-around full bell ringer and electrician -----	Larry Hamilton
Helen, reporter for the school Bugle -----	June West
John, dreamer and inventor, the unwilling "Star" -----	Dean Mintling
Miss Smith, young, attractive, and very serious "Coach" -----	Shirley Laird
Mr. Wheat, school principal, with "pre-arranged" longings -----	Roland Anderjaska
Mr. Change, newspaper reporter with "Coach" on his mind -----	Jane Vennans
Mrs. Johnson, mother and ardent admirer of Leatrice -----	Anna Hastings
Mrs. Gabb, zealous P. T. A. member -----	Estaline Johnson
Janey, Harry's mother (alternating parts) -----	Melvin M. Vicker
-----	Wayne Hastings
Smithy, Harry's furniture dealer (alternating parts) -----	Joe Mitsch
-----	Jim Lee
Mr. Snell, Kitty's father, stern and late for the school board -----	Lyle Jones

(The entire action of the play takes place in the auditorium of a school and on its stage)

Act I: After School, a May afternoon

Act II: An evening four weeks later-dress rehearsal

Act III: Scene 1- The next night-Opening night of the play  
Scene 2- A few hours later- after the performance

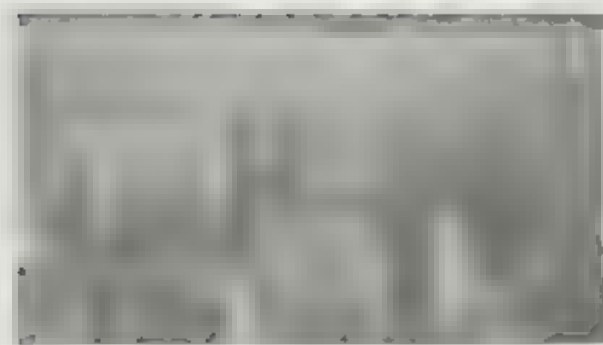






"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR"

Junior Class Play



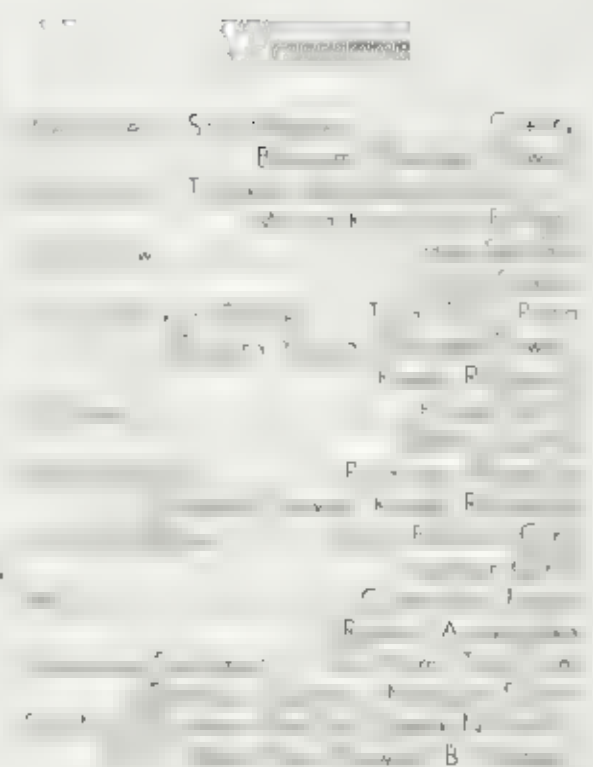
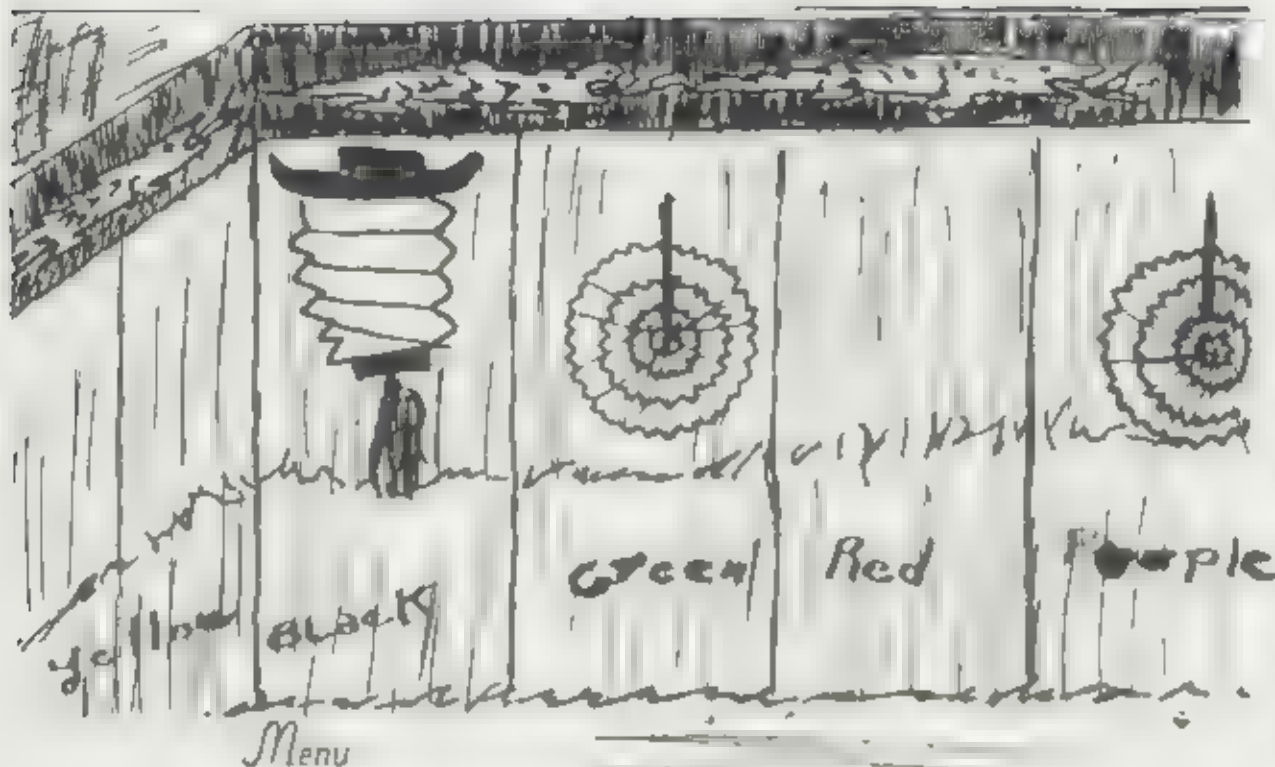
Wingy Vashki, son of the household, 14

-----	Norman Scott
Dora Vashki, his sister, 16	----- Lois Ludlow
Flora Vashki, Dora's twin	----- Norma McNutt
Emil Vashki, their father	----- Dennis Leffler
Anna Vashki, their mother	----- Claribel Dawes
Biddy Brady, a next-door neighbor	--Patty Garrett
Mrs. Jones, another neighbor	-----Karen Richards
Tessy Vashki, the eldest daughter	--Donyse Rathbun
taking alternate night to play the part	
-----	Kaye Myers
Luke Watson, a farmer who collects garbage	-----
-----	Delmer Schuman
Oswald Fredrick, engaged to Tessy	--Richard Orman
Johnny Jones, an ex-Marine, son of Mrs. Jones	--
-----	Darrel Cox
Mrs. Fredrick, Oswald's mother	-----Sandra Young
Mrs. Bixby, Oswald's Aunt Agatha	-----Joan Hummel
Maxey, the Fredrick's chauffeur	-----Richard Bailey
Judge Patrick	-----Donald Fagerstone
Percival Ping, a piano tuner	-----Gaylin Anderson
Grandma Vashki, Emil's mother	-----Marletta Houser
Sarabelle, cousin of the Vashki's	--Wanda Christner
Zuvabelle, another cousin	-----Donna Tidyman
Dixie Jones, a stranger from the deep South	-----
-----	Nadia Carmin

#### SYNOPSIS

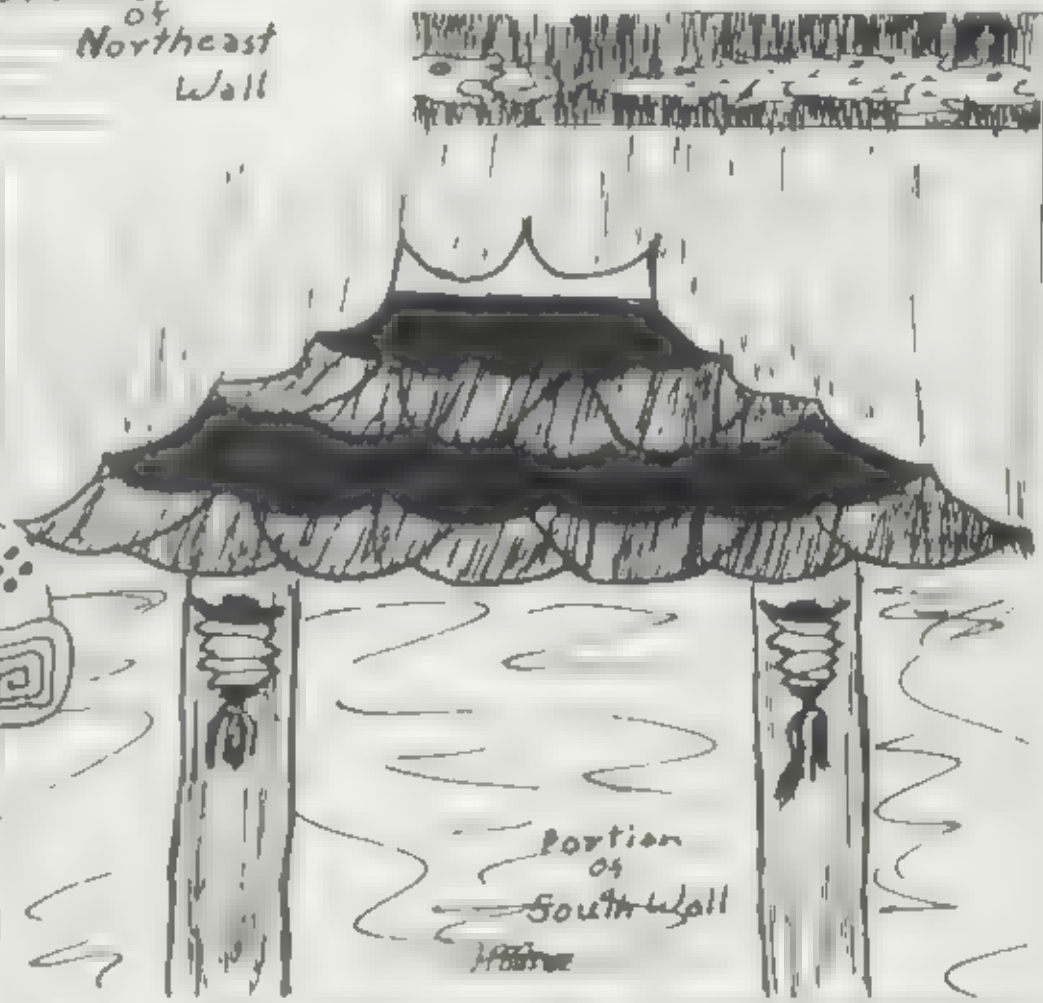
The action of the play takes place in the living room of the Emil Vashki home on the edge of an imaginary town in Iowa. The time is the present a fine afternoon in June.





Cherry Blossoms  
Humming Birds  
Fruit of the Good Earth  
Cantonese Gems  
Poppy Seed Rols  
Taro  
Oriental Nectar

Portion of  
Northeast  
Wall

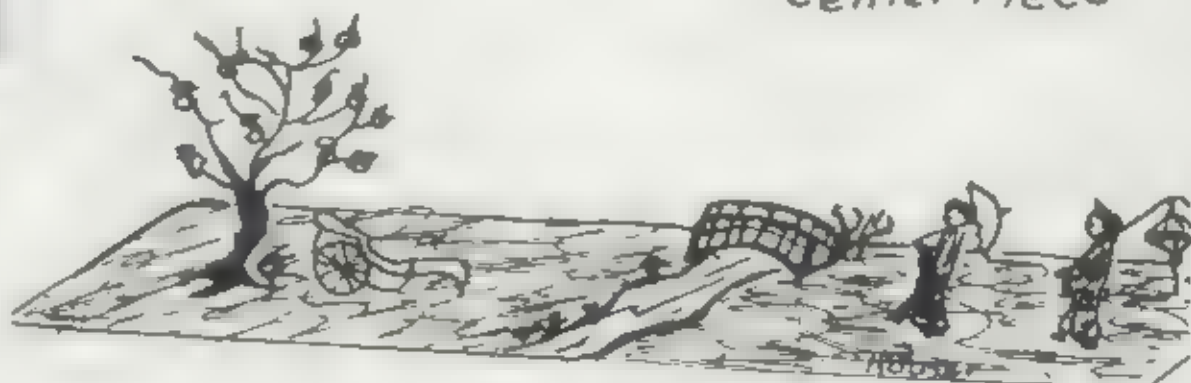


Sophomore Waiters

Clifford Kolbet, Leroy McHarnass, Jim Colson, Jerry Felker, Thurman Graves, Gloria Cox, Bethel Tidyman, Vira Scott, Aneita Johnson, Claryce Allison, Donald Schuman.



Center Piece





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Back Row: Dennis Leffler, Donald Fagerstone, Delmer Schuman, Darrel Cox, Richard Bailey, Gaylin Anderson, Richard Orman, Norman Scott.  
 Second Row: Florence Counce, Sponsor, Joan Hummel, Karen Richards, Marletta Houser, Donna Tidyman, Claribel Dawes, Kaye Myers.  
 Front Row: Nadia Carmin, Norma McNutt, Patty Garrett, Denyse Rathbun, Lois Ludlow, Wanda Christner, Sandra Young.

Pres. ----- Claribel Dawes	Sec. ----- Dennis Leffler
Vice-Pres. ----- Joan Hummel	Treas. ----- Wanda Christner
Colors: ----- Blue and white	Flower: ----- White rose
Motto: Not only to exist but to amount to something in life.	

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Back Row: Donald Schuman, Jerry Felker, Thurman Graves, Leo Harder, Sponsor, Jim Colson, LeRoy McMarnass, Clifford Kolbet.  
 Front Row: Vira Scott, Bethel Tidyman, Aneita Johnson, Gloria Cox, Claryce Allison.

Pres. ----- Vira Scott	Sec. ----- Gloria Cox
Vice-Pres. ----- Don Schuman	Treas. ----- Thurman Graves
Colors: Scarlet and black	Motto: Opportunity, grasp it today for tomorrow it may not pass your way.





# Freshmen



Back Row: Martin Mouser, Charles Ludlow, John Grant, Jim Palic, Clair Norman, Keith Laird, Allen Rodeman, Delbert Hansen, John Downs, Marvin O'Neil.

Second Row: Richard Carmin, Darrel Messersmith, Marian Myers, Janice Grant, Miss Green, Sponsor, Norma Anderson, Bettie Jean Math-bun, Clifford Palmer, Jerry Miller.

Front Row: Doris McNutt, Kaye Venhaus, Margaret Ross, Kathryn Evans, Joyce Felker, Snella Hubbard, Judith Goucher, Carol Rucker.

Pres. ----- Keith Laird

Sec.-----Carol Rucker

Vice-Pres. --- Marian Myers

Treas. -----Kathryn Evans

Class Colors: Purple and gold

## Kearney Contest



Back Row: Claribel Dawes, Bonnie LaShell, Clair Norman, Richard Bailey, Berdine Carr, Shirley Laird.

Front Row: Sandra Young, Ethylee Cox, Kaye Carmin, Joan Hummel, Doris McNutt, Norma McNutt.

These students all ranked in the first fifty percent of their class at the annual contest, in which over 2,000 students participated. Bonnie LaShell placed first in normal training.



## Band



Back Row: Patty Garrett, Bonnie Lammell, Nadia Carmin, Richard Bailey, Stewart Hanley, Instructor, Gloria Cox.  
Front Row: Sandra Young, Devona McKillip, Joan Hummel, Joyce Felker, Vira Scott, Bettijean Rathbun, Kathryn Evans, Richard Orman, Claribel Dawes, June West.

## Chorus



Back Row: Norman Scott, Richard Orman, Jerry Felker, Delmer Schuman, Clair Norman, Thurman Graves, Lyle Downs, Jim Lee, Richard Bailey, Gaylin Anderson, Donnie Curren, Darrel Messersmith.  
Second Row: Richard Carmin, Nadia Carmin, Carol Rucker, Kaye Venaus, Doris McNutt, Wanda Christner, Judith Goucher, Sandra Young, Vira Scott, Clifford Palmer, Jerry Miller.  
Third Row: Stewart Hanley, Instructor, Norma McNutt, Virginia Jirik, Denyse Rathbun, Bethel Tidyman, Kaye Myers, Joyce Felker, Kaye Carmin, Estaline Johnson, Gloria Cox, Lois Ludlow, Ethylee Cox, Mrs. Florence Counce, Accompanist.  
Front Row: Joan Hummel, June West, Karen Richards, Bettijean Rathbun, Donna Tidyman, Berdine Carr, Norma Anderson, Devona McKillip, Claribel Dawes, Marian Myers.







Back Row: Karen Richards, Jerry Felker, Claribel Dawes.  
 Front Row: Sandra Young, Stewart Hanley, Mrs. Florence Counce.  
 These students competed in the District Music Contest held in McCook, Nebraska. Following is a list of the numbers and the ratings received:

Claribel Dawes	THE HOLY CITY	Superior.
Karen Richards	IN MY MEMORIES GARDEN	Excellent.
Sandra Young	TAKE THOU THIS ROSE	Good.
Jerry Felker	DANNY BOY	Good.

## Normal Training



Back Row: Kaye Carmin, Claribel Dawes, Devona McKillip, Bonnie LaShell, Berdine Carr, Marletta Houser, Donna Tidyman, Shirley Laird, Karen Richards, Joan Hummel.  
 Second Row: Wanda Hastings, Patty Garrett, Lois Ludlow, Kaye Myers, Estaline Johnson, Mary Ann Richards, Denyse Rathbun, Ethylee Cox, Nadia Carmin.  
 Front Row: Norma McNutt, Richard Orman, Darrel Cox, Stewart Hanley, Instructor, Delmer Schuman, Richard Bailey, Marjorie Ring.



# Short Hand



Back Row: Jerry Frank, Instructor, Larry Hamilton, Bonnie La-shell, Berdine Carr, Joe Nitsch, Jack Bishop  
Front Row: Marjorie Ring, Iixie Hubbard, Mary Ann Richards, Ethy-lee Cox.

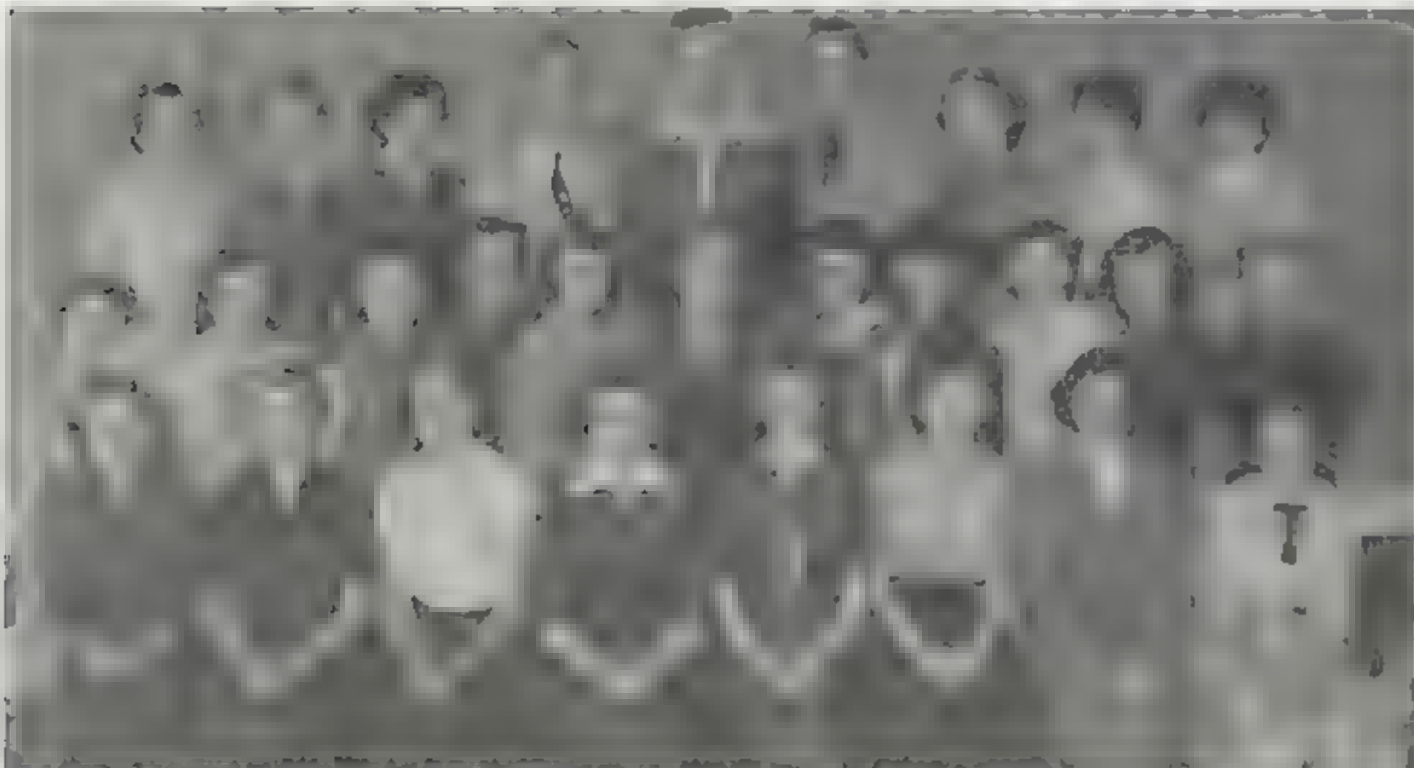
# Typing



Back Row: Gaylin Anderson, Richard Bailey, Farrel Cox, Wallace Allison, Lean Mintling, Clair Norman, Donald Paulson, Roland Ander-jaska, Melvin McVicker, Lyle Downs, Keith Laird, Jim Lee, Gene Vanhaus, Delmer Schuman, Allen Bodeman, Donald Fagerstone.  
Second Row: Nadia Carmin, Judith Goucher, Clifford Palmer, Larry Hamilton, Wayne Hastings, Garland Bodeman, Joe Nitsch, Richard Orman, Dennis Leffler, Marvin Evans, Donnie Curran, Jack Bishop, Norman Scott, Richard Carmin, Sandra Young, Kaye Venhaus.  
Third Row: Norma McNutt, Margaret Ross, Wanda Christner, Dixie Hubbard, Patty Garrett, Mary Ann Richards, Kaye Myers, Joyce Fel-ker, Joan Hummel, Kaye Carmin, Estaline Johnson, Lois Ludlow, Den-yse Rathbun, Virginia Jirik, Ethylee Cox, Wanda Hastings, Marjorie Ring, Doris McNutt.  
Front Row: Jerry Frank, Instructor, Claribel Dawes, Devona McKil-lip, Bonnie LaShell, Norma Anderson, Berdine Carr, Marletta Houser, Donna Tidyman, Bettjean Rathbun, Shirley Laird, Karen Richards, June West, Leo Harder, Instructor.



# Home Ec



Back Row: Judith Goucher, Marjorie Ring, Margaret Ross, Norman Scott, Donald Fagerstone, Gaylin Anderson, Virginia Jirik, Ethylee Cox, Doris McNutt.

Second Row: Carol Rucker, Sheila Hubbard, Lenyse Rathbun, Joyce Felker, Kaye Carmin, Miss Green, Instructor, Mary Ann Richards, June West, Kathryn Evans, Kaye Myers, Wanda Christner.

Front Row: Kaye Venhaus, Devona McKillip, Janice Grant, Bonnie LaShell, Norma Anderson, Bettijean Rathbun, Shirley Laird, Marian Myers.

# Shop



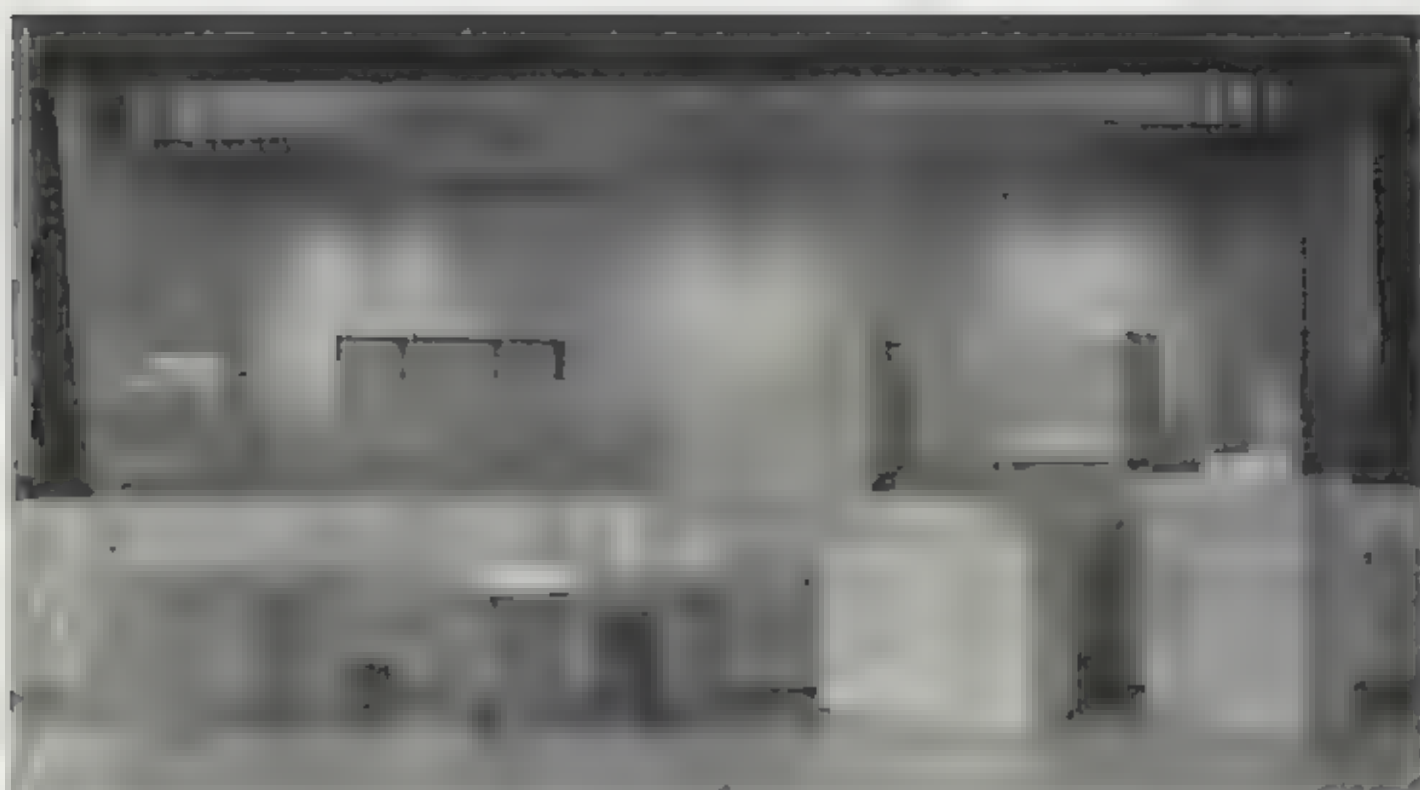
Back Row: Gene Venhaus, Jean McIntire, Clair Norman, Donald Paulson, Roland Anderjaska, Melvin Mcvicker, Lyle Downs, Keith Laird, Jim Lee, Wallace Allison.

Second Row: Jack Bishop, Donnie Curran, Jim Palic, Marvin Evans, Joe Nitsch, Allen Bodeman, Delbert Hansen, John Downs, Garland Bodeman, Wayne Hastings.

Front Row: Leo Harder, Instructor, Jerry Miller, Darrel Messersmith, John Grant, Charles Ludlow, Marvin O'Neil, Martin Houser, Clifford Palmer, Richard Carmin.

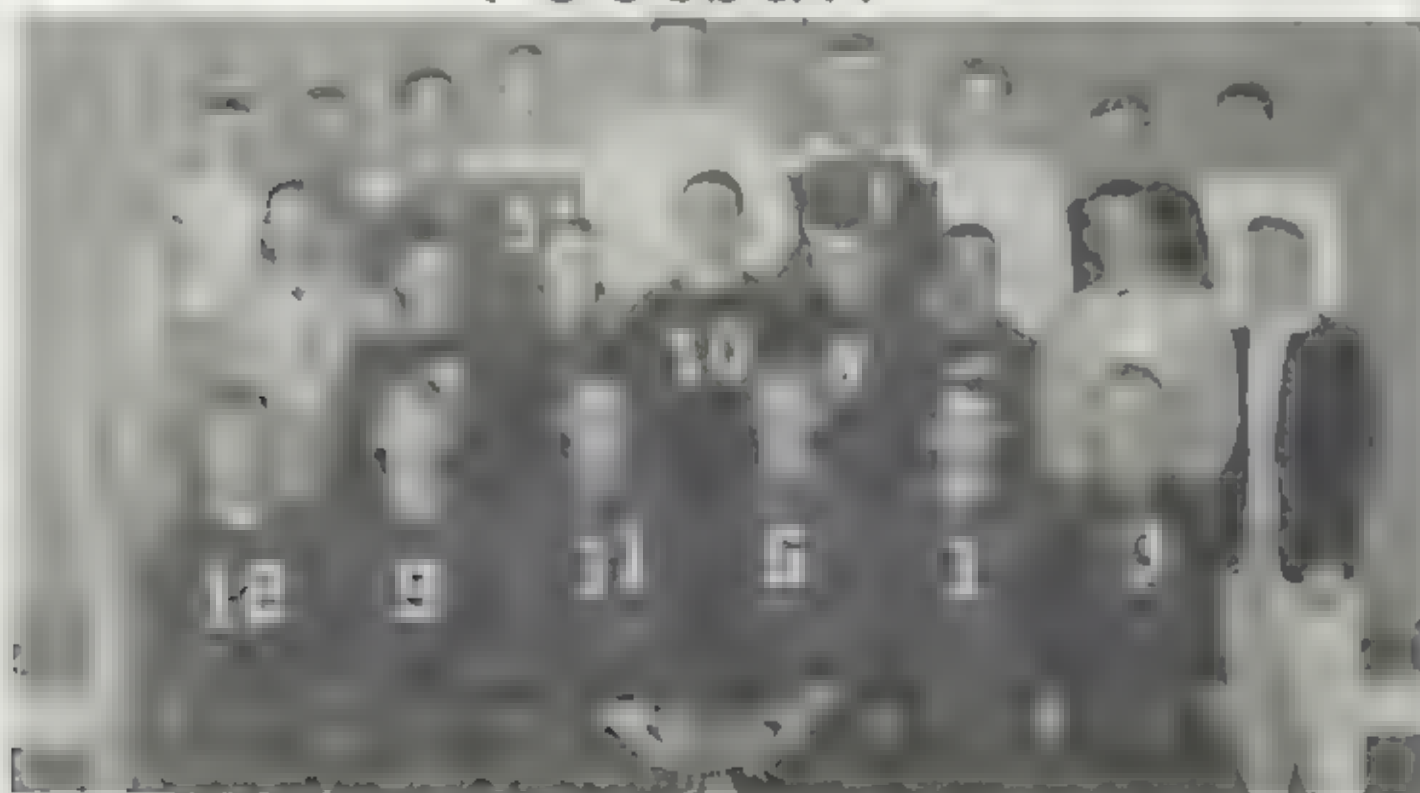






These projects were made by the boys in senior shop class: Back Row: desk, Garland Bodeman; bed head board, Roland Anderjaska; double dresser, Donald Curran; chest of drawers, Jack Bishop; night stand, Lyle Downs. Front Row: desk, Marvin Evans; desk, Dean Mintling; buffet, Gene Venhaus; chest of drawers, Joe Nitsch.

## Football



Back Row: Darrel Messersmith, John Grant, John Downs, Richard Bailey, Donald Carlson, Jim Colson, Delbert Hansen, Larry Hamilton, LeRoy McMarnass.

Second Row: Dennis Leffler, student manager, "Lee" Harder, Assistant Coach, Jack Bishop, Lonnie Curran, Keith Laird, Allen Bodeman, Wayne Hastings, "Bill" Fanning, Coach, Garland Bodeman, student manager.

Front Row: Jerry Felker, Gene Venhaus, Lyle Downs, Roland Anderjaska, Delmer Schuman, Darrel Cox.

Hayes Center	18
Hayes Center	0
Hayes Center	8
Hayes Center	0
Hayes Center	32
Hayes Center	32
Hayes Center	52

Elsie	46
Madrid	50
Herndon	8
Indianola	50
Parks	0
Haigler	0
Wallace	12



	Grade	Weight	Height	Position
Del Schuman	Junior	155	5'10"	End
Jack Bishop	Senior	145	5'7"	Backfield
Darrel Cox	Junior	165	5'10"	Backfield
Larry Hamilton	Senior	145	5'7"	End
Don Curran	Senior	145	5'7"	Backfield
Roland Anderjaska	Senior	160	6'2"	Center
Wayne Hastings	Senior	150	5'7"	End
Allen Bodeman	Freshman	155	5'9"	Backfield
Gene Venhaus	Senior	160	5'11"	Backfield
Keith Laird	Freshman	160	6'	End
Lyle Downs	Senior	195	5'11"	Line
Jerry Felker	Sophomore	150	5'9"	Backfield
Donald Paulson	Senior	250	6'1"	Line
Leroy McHarnass	Sophomore	160	5'9"	Backfield

In the All Star Team picked by the coaches of the Frenchman Valley, the following football players from Hayes County High were given places: Delmer Schuman, Jerry Felker and Jack Bishops, ends; Darrel Cox and Don Curran, backs.

Following is a portion of the write-up by Bob Morris, Jr., taken from the McCook Gazette:

"Delmer Schuman, Hayes Center, and Earl McDrell, Nelisade, were show-ins at the wing positions. Both men could receive passes well and had speed to burn.

Darrel Cox was the workhorse carrying the load on offense as well as being a bulwark from his defensive position.

Don Curran, the other backfield selection from Hayes Center, received a broken neck in one of the last games of the year and was unable to compete after that. He made a good enough showing in the early contests to receive support from most of the coaches.

It is interesting to note that of the seven men, six are backs. The lone line man is Delmer Schuman of Hayes Center."

## Track



Back Row: Darrel Messersmith, John Grant, Lennis Leffler, John Downs, LeRoy McHarnass, Martin Houser.  
 Second Row: "Bill" Panning, Coach, Delbert Hansen, Delmer Schuman, Richard Bailey, Jerry Felker, Keith Laird, Student Manager.  
 Front Row: Allen Bodeman, Darrel Cox, Clair Norman, Jim Colson, Gene Venhaus.







Gene Venhaus      Darrell Cox

Darrel qualified in the discus to enter the state track meet at Lincoln. He won fourth in class "C" by throwing the discus 129 ft. 11 in. Following are the results of the first three places: First, 145 ft. 1 in; second, 142 ft. 7 3/8 in; third, 136 ft. 7 in. Gene qualified in the broad jump and placed third by jumping 21 ft. 1 in. Following are the results of the first two places: First, 22 ft. 3 1/4 in; second, 21 ft. 1 3/4 in.

## Basketball



Back Row: John Grant, Delbert Hansen, Richard Bailey, Clair Norman, Jim Colson, Allen Bodeman, John Downs, LeRoy McHarness.  
 Second Row: Darrel Messersmith, Donnie Currans, Richard Orman, (student managers), Roland Anderjaska, Thurman Graves, Donald Paulson, student manager, Coach, "Bill" Fanning, Charles Ludlow.  
 Front Row: Jack Bishop, Iennis Leffler, Delmer Schuman, Keith Laird, Darrel Cox, Gene Venhaus, Jerry Felker, Garland Bodeman.



	Grade	Weight	Height	Position
Wallace Allison	Senior	160	6'1"	Center
Roland Anderjaska	Senior	165	6'1"	Center
Richard Bailey	Junior	140	5'10"	Forward
Jack Bishop	Senior	140	5'7"	Guard
Allen Bodeman	Freshman	140	5'7"	Guard
Garland Bodeman	Senior	145	5'6"	Guard
Jim Colson	Sophomore	150	5'10"	Forward
Darrel Cox	Junior	165	5'10"	Guard
John Downs	Freshman	120	5'6"	Forward
Lyle Downs	Senior	200	6'2"	Forward
Jerry Felker	Sophomore	155	5'10"	Center
John Grant	Freshman	110	5'5"	Forward
Thurman Graves	Sophomore	150	6'	Guard
Delbert Hansen	Freshman	140	5'10"	Center
Martin Houser	Freshman	110	5'5"	Forward
Keith Laird	Freshman	145	5'11"	Center
Dennis Leffler	Junior	125	5'7"	Forward
Charles Ludlow	Freshman	115	5'5"	Forward
Leroy McHarnass	Sophomore	155	5'9"	Guard
Darrel Messersmith	Freshman	135	5'5"	Guard
Jerry Miller	Freshman	105	5'	Guard
Clair Norman	Freshman	165	6'1"	Guard
Clifford Palmer	Freshman	110	5'2"	Guard
Delmer Schuman	Junior	160	5'11"	Guard
Gene Venhaus	Senior	165	6'	Forward

## Snapshots







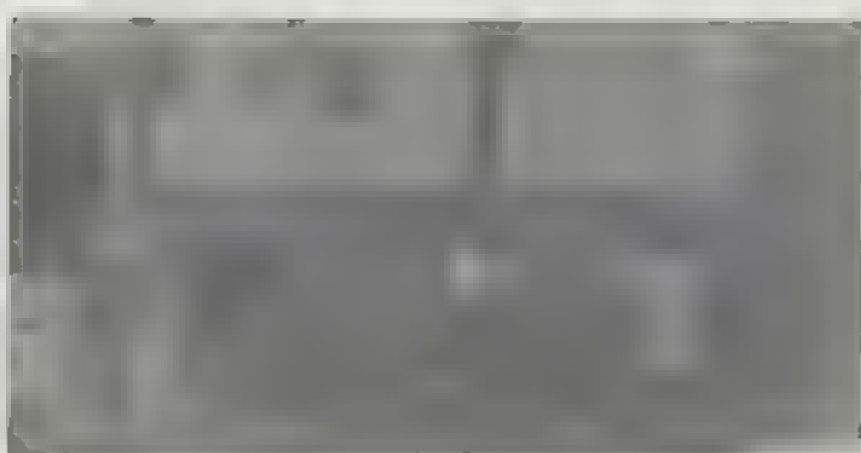
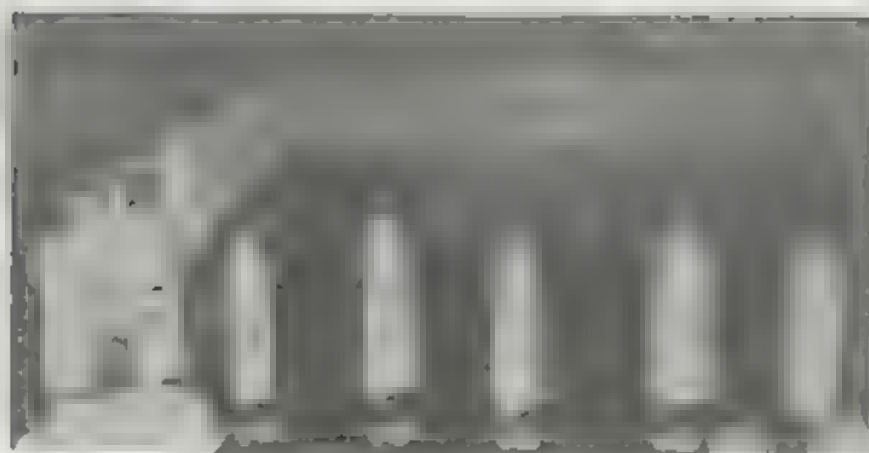




# Pep Club

After the completion of the football and basketball season, the Pep Club sponsored an all high school party. At six o'clock a dinner consisting of "Jiffy Burgers", potato salad, baked beans, potato chips, strawberry bavarian, pop and coffee, was served cafeteria style, to the faculty and student body. Later we adjourned to the auditorium where the following program was presented:

Toast -----	Joan Hummel
Senior welcome -----	Jack Bishop
Freshmen response -----	Marion Myers
Skit ( The Monster) -----	Kay Carmin, June West, Ethylee Cox
Duet -----	Ethylee Cox and Jerry Felker
Reading ( How to Reduce) -----	Marjorie Ring
Humor-----	Berdine Carr
Award of Athletic Letters-----	Coach Fanning
Award of Pep Club Letters and Special Awards -----	Mrs. Counce
Presentation of gifts to sponsors	
Crowning of king and queen and Attendants -----	Mr. Hanley
King: Don Curran	Sophomore Attendants: Claryce Allison
Queen: Mary Ann Soncksen	Clifford Kolbet
Junior Attendants: Joan Hummel	Freshmen Attendants: Norma Anderson
Delmer Schuman	Clair Norman







Back Row: Carol Rucker, Nadia Carmin, Vira Scott, Lois Ludlow, Loris McNutt, Gloria Cox, Janice Grant, Karen Richards, Shirley Laird, June West, Estaline Johnson, Margaret Ross, Judith Goucher, Kaye Venhaus, Patty Garrett, Norma McNutt, Sandra Young.

Second Row: Ethylee Cox, Mary Ann Richards, Joyce Felker, Joan Hummel, Claribel Tawes, Levena McKillip, Aneita Johnson, Donna Tidyman, Parletta Houser, Verdine Carr, Bonnie LaShell, Norma Anderson, Betty Rathbun, Marian Myers, Kaye Carmin, Bethel Tidyman, Denyse Rathbun, Mrs. Florence Counce, sponsor.

Front Row: Cheerleaders: Marjorie Ring, Kaye Myers, Wanda Christner, Claryce Allison.

Pres. ---- Mary Ann Richards

Sec. ----- Ethylee Cox

Vice-Pres. ---- Joan Hummel

Treas. ----- Bonnie LaShell

Drill Captain: Shirley Laird

Following is a list of the chairman of the various committees:

Food ----- Karen Richards

Parties ----- Gloria Cox

Rallies ----- Norma McNutt

Drills ----- Sandra Young

Points ---- Aneita Johnson

Our Pep Club competed in the Frenchman Valley Drill Tournament held in Benkleman, in which nine schools participated. Following are the points made by the participating schools:

Imperial 252  
Benkleman 246  
Mayes Center 241

Wauneta 216  
Trenton 198  
Haigler 195

Culbertson 195  
Stratton 191  
Perks 181



These girls were given special awards because of outstanding services rendered during the year.

Back Row: Bethel Tidyman, Karen Richards, Shirley Laird, Aneita Johnson, Bettijean Rathbun, Gloria Cox, Norma McNutt, Mrs. Florence Counce, sponsor.

Front Row: Vira Scott, Lois Ludlow, Wanda Christner, Kaye Myers, Marjorie Ring, Claryce Allison, Sandra Young, Nadia Carmin.

















